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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MIL, TW, US  
SUBJECT: DISPOSING OF A BACKLOG OF MILITARY AWARDS

1. THE EMBASSY'S NEWLY ASSIGNED ARMY ATTACHE HAS DISCOVERED  
IN ONE OF HIS FILE DRAWERS A COLLECTION OF FOUR LEGION OF  
MERIT AND ONE BRONZE STAR AWARDS, ALL COMPLETE WITH CITATIONS,  
WHICH WERE AWARDED TO ROC MILITARY OFFICERS FROM 1974 THROUGH  
JUNE 1976. THE ROC OFFICERS INVOLVED, TOGETHER WITH THE  
AWARDS IN QUESTION, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. LT. GENERAL WANG CHING-HSU, CA, DIRECTOR,  
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, MND: LEGION OF MERIT DATED  
JULY 3, 1975

B. MAJOR GENERAL CHU KUO-HSUN, CA (RETIRED, NOW  
DIRECTOR , BUREAU OF TOURISM): LEGION OF MERIT DATED  
JUNE 26, 1975

C. LT. GENERAL CHIANG HSIEN-SIANG, CAF (RETIRED):  
LEGION OF MERIT DATED JUNE 12, 1975

D. MAJOR GENERAL SUN SHOU-TANG, CA (RETIRED):  
LEGION OF MERIT DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1974

E. MAJOR GENERAL CHOU HAO, CA (RETIRED):  
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BRONZE STAR DATED JUNE 7, 1976  
THE "OUTSTANDING SERVICES" BEING RECOGNIZED ARE VARIOUS  
SERVICES IN VIETNAM AND IN GENERAL WANG'S CASE  
"DEVELOPING CLOSE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND MORE  
EFFECTIVE LIAISON IN THE PLANNING AND OPERATION ASPECTS  
OF THE COMBINED U.S.-REPUBLIC OF CHINA DEFENSE POSTURE  
OF TAIWAN."

2. NEITHER DAO NOR WE KNOW WHY THESE DECORATIONS--  
ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND PUBLISHED IN ORDERS  
IN WASHINGTON--HAVE NOT ACTUALLY BEEN PRESENTED TO  
THE CHINESE OFFICERS CONCERNED. WE HAVE REASON TO  
BELIEVE THAT SOME AND POSSIBLY ALL OF THEM KNOW THAT  
THEIR AWARDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ISSUED BY WASHINGTON.  
WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY OF THE OFFICERS WOULD ASK  
DIRECTLY WHY THEIR DECORATIONS HAD NOT BEEN AWARDED.

3. PRESENTATION OF THESE DATED AWARDS NOW AFTER THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING WOULD LIKELY ENCOURAGE GROG  
OFFICIALS TO READ INTO IT A POLITICAL MESSAGE WE DO NOT  
INTEND TO CONVEY. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT YOU OBTAIN  
DOD CONCURRENCE IN DECISION NOT TO AWARD THESE DECORATIONS.  
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